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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS PREPAID PILOT
PROGRAM.

DOCKET NO. E-01461A-14-0260

DECISION NO. 75308

ORDER

Open Meeting
October 20 and 21, 2015
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico" or "Company") is certificated to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On July 9, 2014, Trico filed an application for approval of a Prepaid Service Pilot Program and Experimental Residential Prepaid Service Tariff in Docket No. E-01461A-14-0260. On May 20, 2015, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 75087 which, in part, ordered Trico to submit a revised Bill Estimation Tariff describing its bill estimation methodologies including those for estimating prepaid accounts. On July 17, 2015, Trico filed its revised Estimation Methodologies Schedule EM for Commission approval.

3. Trico's Schedule EM describes bill estimation procedures that include methodologies for estimating energy usage (kWh), demand usage (kW), and time-of-use billing parameters for both energy and demand usage. Schedule EM defines a list of conditions under which the Company will issue estimated bills. The proposed revisions to Schedule EM specifically address the estimation methodologies that will be used for prepaid service customers.

1 4. Staff has reviewed Trico's revised Schedule EM and finds it to be substantively
2 identical to the bill estimation tariffs of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative and Mohave
3 Electric Cooperative. However, Staff recommends that for clarity Trico should add the phrase "F.
4 Communications issues with Prepaid Metering (see Item H below)" to the "Conditions for Estimated
5 Bills" section of the tariff.

6 5. Staff further notes that Trico's proposed Schedule EM will only become effective
7 upon approval of the Commission, rather than the May 19, 2015, as proposed by the Company.

8 **Staff Recommendations**

9 6. Staff has recommended that Trico's revised Schedule EM be approved as discussed
10 herein.

11 7. Staff has further recommended that for clarity Trico should add the phrase "F.
12 Communications issues with Prepaid Metering (see Item H below)" to the "Conditions for Estimated
13 Bills" section of the tariff.

14 8. Staff has further recommended that Trico file tariff pages for Schedule EM consistent
15 with the terms of the Decision in this matter within 15 days from the effective date of the Decision.

16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 1. Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Arizona public service corporation within the
18 meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona constitution.

19 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. and over the
20 subject matter of the application.

21 3. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff's memorandum dated
22 October 6, 2015, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the revised Bill Estimation Tariff
23 as discussed herein.

24 ORDER

25 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s revised Schedule EM
26 be approved as discussed herein.

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Decision No. _____

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for clarity Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall add the
2 phrase "F. Communications issues with Prepaid Metering (see Item H below)" to the "Conditions for
3 Estimated Bills" section of the tariff.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Trico file tariff pages for Schedule EM consistent with the
5 terms of the Decision in this matter within 15 days from the effective date of the Decision.

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7 **BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive
20 Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
21 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
22 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of
23 Phoenix, this 27th day of October, 2015.

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JODI JERICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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27 DISSENT: _____

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